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January 6, 1939

Hon. Harry W. Flentge
District Attorney
Gatesville, Texas

Dear Sir:

Opinion No. 0-14
Re: County Jails

Your request for opinion as to whether or not the County Commissioners' Court has authority to build and maintain more than one jail has been received by this office.

You are respectfully advised that it is the opinion of this department that the County Commissioners' Court has authority to build and maintain more than one jail in the county.

Article 5215, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, cited by you in your letter, and Article 6871, Revised Civil Statutes, which articles refer to the authority of the Commissioners' Court to build and maintain jails, etc., use the plural term "jails" in said articles. We deem it unnecessary to set forth these articles at length, but refer you to same.

On January 28, 1928, in a letter opinion written by Hon. H. Grady Chandler, assistant Attorney General, this department passed on a question almost identical with the question raised here. This department concurs with the opinion of Mr. Chandler,

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and a copy of same is enclosed herewith.

Yours respectfully

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

By *Wm. J. Fanning*
Assistant

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